

Suffolk Regional Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
5268 Godwin Blvd.
Suffolk, VA
May 8, 2012

Committee Members Present:

- Jacqueline Blackett, Chair
- Steven Alexander, Vice Chair
- Denise N. Tynes
- Yvonne B. Green

Committee Members Absent: Tina Copeland

Others Present: Reginald Daye, Regional Advocate

SLHRC Affiliates Present: *Baker's Home, Inc.* (Claudette Jones, Stephanie Olds), *Better Care Family Homes, Inc.* (Dr. Pedro Becerra), *Braley and Thompson, Inc.* (Patricia Berg), *Citadel Family Services, LLC* (Brian Glover), *Community Supported Training Organization, Inc (CSTO)*, (Georgiana Smith), *Quality Care Community Services, Inc.* (April Campbell), *Quality Community Supports, Inc.* (Juliet Sawi), *Sentara Obici Hospital* (Dana P. Miller, Linda Austin), *Visions Community Services, LLC* (Eulamae Myers, Danielle Blocker), *Western Tidewater Community Services Board* (Cheryl Collier), *Zuni Campus – Presbyterian Homes* (Steve Ramey, E. Byron Nagle, Tricia Worrell)

SLHRC Affiliates Absent: *Rehobeth Residences* (Cheral Dixon) and *Sisters Developing Growth and Change, LLC* (Zenda Jones, CEO).

I. CALL TO ORDER:

- ✓ The meeting was called to order by Ms. Blackett at 8:35 AM.

II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS:

- ✓ Ms. Blackett asked all in attendance to introduce them selves and indicate their role or respective organization.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- ✓ Election of Officers was added to the agenda. Ms. Blackett asked for approval of Agenda. The motion was made and was approved to accept the agenda with the noted addition.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- ✓ Chair, Ms. Blackett asked for a review of draft minutes from February 7, 2012. The motion was made and accepted to approve the February 7, 2012 minutes.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- ✓ Ms. Blackett asked if anyone from the public was present and wishes to make any comments. None were present.

VI. REGIONAL ADVOCATE'S REPORT:

- ✓ Mr. Daye thanked Jacqueline Blackett and Denise Tynes for serving on the committee. Ms. Blackett has served for 6 years and Ms. Tynes has served for 6 years. Ms. Blackett is also interviewing for another committee.
- ✓ Mr. Daye has not received any applications to serve on the SRLHRC. Once any applications are received, the Committee will interview the potential members and then send any recommendations to the State Human Rights Committee for their review and approval. The State Human Rights Committee meets in June and July

and they need any potential applicant applications 2 weeks prior to their scheduled meeting. Applications can be found online.

VII. CHAIR COMMENTS

- ✓ Ms. Blackett commented that she has learned a lot while serving on the committee and she will miss everyone.

VIII. PROGRAM UPDATES AND HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT:

Zuni Campus – Presbyterian Homes & Family Services: Mr. Nagle submitted their quarterly report. Zuni served 41 individuals this quarter. There were 2 allegations of abuse and neglect. Zuni has requested a closed session.

Western Tidewater Community Services Board: Ms. Collier submitted their quarterly report. WTCSB served 2351 consumers. There were 4 allegations of abuse and neglect and 2 complaints. WTCSB has requested a closed session.

Visions Community Services, LLC: Ms. Myers submitted their quarterly report. There were no allegations of abuse and neglect.

Sisters Developing Growth and Change: Not present.

Sentara Obici Hospital: Ms. Miller submitted their quarterly report. Sentara served 85 individuals this quarter. No allegations of abuse and neglect were reported. There were no seclusions and restraints reported.

Rehobeth Residence: Not present.

Quality Community Supports, Inc: Ms. Sawi submitted their quarterly report. Quality Community Supports served 24 individuals during this quarter. There were no allegations of abuse and neglect.

Quality Care Community Services, Inc.: Ms. Campbell submitted their quarterly report. There were no allegations of abuse and neglect.

CSTO, Inc.: Ms. Smith submitted their quarterly report. CSTO Inc. has a total of 39 individuals. There was one allegation of abuse and neglect. CSTO, Inc. has requested a closed session. Mr. Daye inquired about their resubmission of their program rules and work policy that was to be reviewed today. Ms. Smith did not have this. Mr. Daye asked that it be sent as soon as possible in order review their request for affiliation.

Citadel Family Services, LLC: Mr. Glover submitted their quarterly report. They served 11 individuals this quarter. They have no allegations of abuse and neglect.

Braley and Thompson: Ms. Berg submitted their quarterly report. There were no allegations of abuse and neglect.

Better Care Family Homes, Inc.: Dr. Becerra submitted their quarterly report. Mr. Daye asked him to correct the date on the report and also send him the last page of the report. Better Care Family Homes, Inc has requested a closed session.

Baker's Home, Inc.: Ms. Jones submitted their quarterly report. There were no allegations of abuse and neglect.

IX. OLD BUSINESS: none at this time

X. NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Blackett nominated Steven Alexander as Chair and Yvonne Green as Co-Chair of the committee. Motion was made and seconded to accept the nomination. The committee voted to elect Mr. Alexander and Ms. Green as Chair and Co-Chair respectively, effective July 1, 2012.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The SRLHRC made a motion and the Committee voted to go into Executive Session (Closed Session) per VA Code 2.2-3711A to discuss client information exempt from public disclosure for the purpose of reviewing abuse, serious injuries, deaths and behavioral plans for the following programs:

- Zuni – Presbyterian Homes
- WTCSB
- CSTO, Inc.
- Better Care Family Homes

The SRLHRC voted to come out of closed session at 10:20 AM. Upon reconvening in Open Session, each member of SRLHRC certified that, to the best of each Committee Member's knowledge, only public business matters, lawfully exempted from statutory Open meeting requirements and only public matters identified in the motion to convene the Executive Session were discussed in accordance to Virginia Code 2-2-3711A., concerning the above referenced programs.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ✓ **Zuni - Presbyterian Homes – No recommendations.**
- ✓ **WTCSB - No recommendations.**
- ✓ **CSTO, Inc. - No Recommendations**
- ✓ **Better Care Family Homes – No recommendations.**

The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2012 at WTCSB at 8:30 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Tricia Worrell
Administrative Assistant, Zuni Presbyterian Homes
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